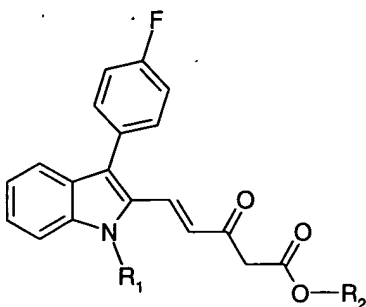


1-12 (cancelled).

13. (currently amended): A compound of formula



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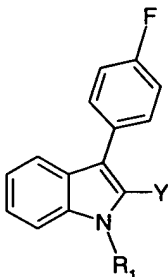
wherein R_1 is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl and

R_2 is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical, ~~especially $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl.~~

14. (original): A compound according to claim 13, wherein

R_1 is isopropyl and R_2 is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl.

15. (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (2) according to claim 13, wherein a compound of formula



(5),

wherein R_1 is as defined in claim 13 and

Y is bromine, chlorine, iodine, $-\text{OSO}_2\text{CF}_3$ or $-\text{COCl}$, ~~especially bromine,~~

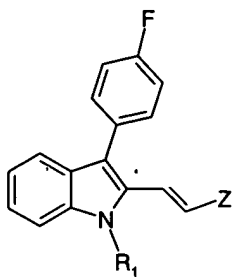
is reacted with a compound that introduces the radical of formula $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{Z}$, wherein

Z is the radical $-\text{COOR}_4$, $-\text{COR}_5$ or $-\text{CN}$,

R_4 is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical and

R_5 is a hydrocarbon radical or unsubstituted or substituted amino,

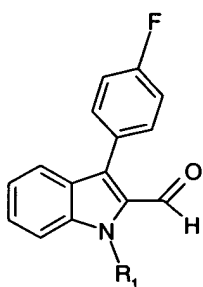
and the resulting compound of formula



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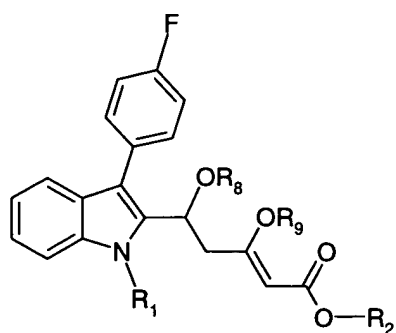
optionally after conversion of the compound of formula (6) wherein Z is the radical $-\text{COOR}_4$ into the corresponding acid chloride or into the free acid, is reacted with a compound that introduces the radical of formula $-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOR}_2$ wherein R_2 is as defined in claim 13.

16. (original): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (2) according to claim 13, wherein a compound of formula



(9)

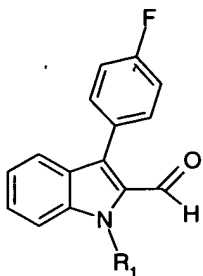
is reacted with a compound of formula $\text{CH}_3-\text{CO}-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOR}_2$ and, optionally, then with a compound that introduces a protecting group, to form the compound of formula



(10)

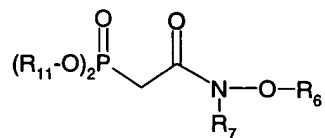
wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined in claim 13 and R_8 and R_9 are hydrogen or a protecting group, a double bond is introduced under acidic or basic conditions, and any protecting group that may be present is removed.

17. (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (2) according to claim 13, wherein a compound of formula



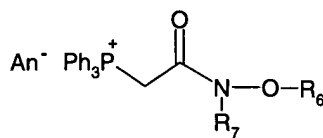
(9)

is reacted with a compound of formula



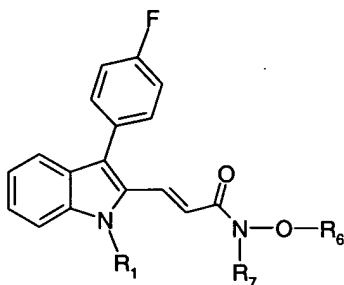
(11a)

or



(11b)

to form the compound of formula



(8)

and that compound is reacted with a compound that introduces the radical of formula -CH₂-COOR₂ wherein R₁ and R₂ are as defined in claim 13,

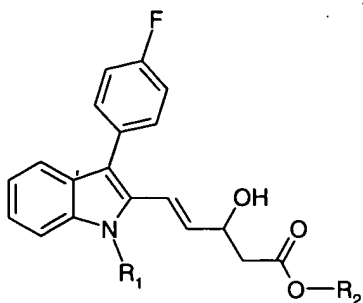
R₆ and R₇ are hydrogen or hydrocarbon radicals,

R₁₁ is C₁-C₄alkyl or phenyl, ~~especially methyl or ethyl~~,

Ph is phenyl and An⁻ is an anion

18. (cancelled).

19. (currently amended): A compound of formula

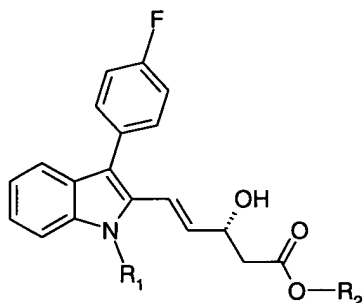


(3),

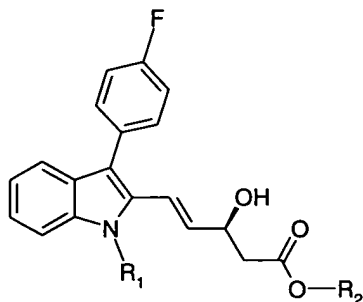
wherein R_1 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl and

R_2 is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical, ~~especially C_1 - C_6 alkyl.~~

20. (original): A compound according to claim 19 of formula



(3a) or



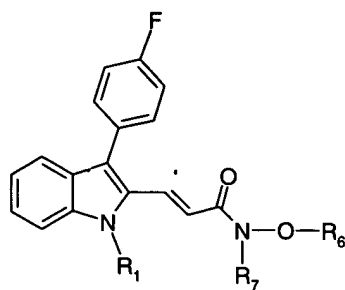
(3b)

wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined in claim 19.

21. (currently amended): A compound according to ~~either claim 19 or claim 20~~, wherein R_1 is isopropyl and R_2 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

22. (cancelled).

23. (currently amended): A compound of formula



(8),

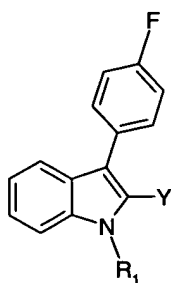
wherein R_1 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and

R_6 and R_7 are hydrogen or hydrocarbon radicals, ~~especially C_1 - C_6 alkyl.~~

24. (original): A compound according to claim 23, wherein R_1 is isopropyl and R_6 and R_7 are C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

25. (cancelled).

26. (currently amended): A compound of formula



(5),

wherein R_1 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl and

Y is bromine, chlorine or iodine, ~~especially bromine.~~

27. (original): A compound according to claim 26, wherein R_1 is isopropyl and Y is bromine.

28. (cancelled).